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1. On or about 21 February two divisions of the 3 Field Army left Hamhung for P'yongyang; thence they went to the west front to join the North Korean I Corps. Many members of the 3 Field Army in Korea claim that they were formerly attached to the 1 Field Army and were transferred for the move to Korea. The Chinese Communists change their unit designation with each move; they do not trust the North Korean officers.
2. On 12 March elements of the Chinese Communist 6 Army moved south from P'yongyang to Ch'orwon.
3. The North Korean 17, 23, and 25 Corps (sic)* arrived in Korea from Manchuria in early March via Antung and Sinuiju. The commander of these troops is Yi Kwang-uk, recently transferred from the Chinese to the North Korean Army.
4. Supply routes are being repaired north of the Hungnam-Sinanju railroad line. Many trees are being felled to construct obstacles in this area.
5. In early February 1,500 tons of soybean cakes arrived in Korea from Manchuria because of the food shortage. The cakes were distributed to civilians in the Hamhung area but were barely edible.
6. The Soviet 34 and 35 Divisions are in Soviet territory near the Aoji (coal mine). The commander is rumored to be Marshal Shtishakov** former commander of the Soviet occupation army of North Korea. There are 300 North Korean troops attached to these divisions which are used for intelligence and political missions in North Korea.
7. In early March there was a Soviet supply organization at P'yongyang, directed by Dorinovkin and Bendel. Kirsanov and Salsnikov were in charge of the supply organization at Mukden.***

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Comment. The unit designation probably should be division.

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The 17 Division has been reported on the western front.

25X1A ** Comment. Chistiakov and Korotkov were the commanding generals during the Soviet occupation of North Korea. Shtykov was the Ambassador to the North Korean government.

25X1A *** Comment. The Russian names were received in Cyrillic Script.

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